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Youth Rowing Regatta to take place during the 2017 World Rowing Championships

SARASOTA-BRADENTON, Fla.--- The 2017 World Rowing Championships will be teaming up with USRowing’s Under-19 National Team to present the Youth Regional Challenge during the 2017 World Rowing Championships in Sarasota-Bradenton, Florida.

The Challenge will feature 312 of the top Under-19 rowers from across the six USRowing regions, racing in eights and quadruple sculls.

Each of the six regions – Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest – will be represented by two “all-star” crews in each of the four boat classes – the men’s and women’s eights and men’s and women’s quadruple sculls. USRowing’s Under-19 National Team program will select the coaching staff and athletes representing each region.

“Partnering with USRowing for this extraordinary youth regatta is going to be fabulous,” said Meredith Scerba, the executive director of the 2017 World Rowing Championships. “Onlookers will get to see some of the best, up-and-coming rowers in the country, who one day could be representing the United States themselves at the world championships.”

Heats will take place on Saturday, September 23, following the 2017 World Rowing Championships spares’ races and preceding the Opening Ceremony. Finals will take place on Sunday, September 24, immediately following the completion of the first day of heats.

“This is a really exciting event that will allow each region to showcase its talent on the world stage,” said Steve Hargis, the development coach of the USRowing Junior National Team. “Many of these athletes are aspiring to become elite-level athletes, so to be able to train, attend opening ceremonies and ultimately race as part of the world championship program really is the opportunity of a lifetime.”

In addition to the opportunity to race on a world-class course and be part of the 2017 World Rowing Championships, athletes will get a chance to continue their development, jump-start their 2017-18 season, and earn national bragging rights for their region.

ABOUT THE 2017 WORLD ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

From September 23 – October 1, 2017, the World Rowing Championships, an international rowing regatta organized by FISA (the International Rowing Federation), will be held at Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota-Bradenton, Florida, the only Grade A course in the United States and *“where world-class athletes come to compete.”* In the 48 years of the event’s existence, the United States has hosted only one other World Championships, in 1994 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

This weeklong event is held at the end of the northern hemisphere summer. In non-Olympic years, it is the highlight of the international rowing calendar. Rowing takes place in 21 different boat classes for both men and women.

Our goal is to attract athletes, family, friends and fans from around the United States and the world, to attend this world-class event, and grow the following of rowing in the US.

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